

SENATE RESOLUTION 200

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A RESOLUTION regarding the need for the United States Congress to help provide a fair and effective approach for climate and energy supply issues that safeguards American jobs, ensures affordable energy for America, and maintains America's global competitiveness.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) plan to regulate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from new cars and light trucks will trigger the same regulation of GHG emissions from stationary sources like manufacturing facilities, power plants, hospitals, and commercial establishments; and

WHEREAS, regulating greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources under the Clean Air Act would be a great anchor on manufacturing and the economy in general; and

WHEREAS, the pending EPA effort would burden progress on two of the nation's top priorities, environmental improvement and economic recovery, by imposing onerous permitting requirements that will significantly delay or even eliminate investments in new energy efficient technologies; and

WHEREAS, over four million jobs were lost in 2009, and the EPA's proposed regulations have the potential to cause even further job losses; and

WHEREAS, the regulatory requirements of the Clean Air Act will overwhelm state agencies, which are not equipped to handle the estimated six million permitting requests anticipated; and

WHEREAS, only Congress can act to avoid the significant costs and burdens imposed by such regulations on stationary sources, which even the EPA admits will lead to "absurd results"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby encourage the United States Congress to adopt legislation that would postpone the Environmental Protection Agency's effort to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources using existing Clean Air Act authority until Congress adopts a balanced approach to address climate and energy supply issues without crippling the economy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker and the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, the President and the Secretary of the U.S. Senate, and to each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation.